

Nominations and Appointments

MC/24/57

(Names underlined are new appointments and are supported by Reasoned Statements)

Nominations for the 2024 Conference

1. Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation

***RESOLUTION

57/1. **The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 320(1)(ii), nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation:**

The Revds Dr Iain M Ballard, Nicola Briggs, Richard J Byass, Mark Carrick, Benjamin P Clowes, Ashley Cooper, Dr Graham M Edwards, Dr Simon C Edwards, David R Emison, Mark P Hammond, Helen E Hickson, Catherine Hutton, Philip J Jackson, David Jebb, Naomi Kaiga, Saidu Kanu, Dr Elizabeth A Kent, M Susan E Lawler, Farai Mapamula, Vindra Maraj-Ogden, Paul Mellor, Andrew C Moffoot, Anthony J D Morling, Charity Nzegwu, Dr Claire R Potter [SO 320(1)(i)], James Pritchard, Mary Sachikonye, Christopher L A Sandy, Cleopas Sibanda, Vivienne G Smith, Tina F Swire, Etlewa Walker,

Deacons Melanie Beaven, Dawn N Canham, Richard D Goldstraw, David Keegan, Belinda S Letby, Pamela Luxton, Jonathan Miller, Julie Morton, Suzanne Peat, Kerry R Scarlett, Sian M Street, Suzie Viana, Linda Watkin, Helen Webster, Jacqueline L Wright, Ruth Yorke,

Ms E Jane Allin, Ms Winnie Baffoe, Ms Charlotte Ballard Scott, Mr Geoffrey Best, Ms Anne Browse, Ms Jenny Cheung, Ms Sharon Clutterbuck, Ms Paula Dawson, Ms Jo Henderson-Merrygold, Mrs Jane Lloyd, Ms Victoria Loveday, Mrs Catherine Roots, Ms Denise Tomlinson, Mr Joshua Wilson.

The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order has the right to attend but not to vote.

Reasoned statements:

Mark Carrick is a presbyter, currently serving in the Derbyshire North East Circuit. He brings experience in recruitment, development and mentoring of staff in senior management. Since becoming a presbyter, he has managed a number of people, undertaken supervision and line management training and journeyed alongside a number of potential candidates. He has a passion for developing disciples and for helping people to discover and use their gifts. He has excellent attention to detail and is good in team situations.

Paula Dawson is a member of Beeston Methodist Church, Nottingham, Paula believes strongly that ordained clergy play a key role in building God's kingdom in local communities. She is a registered nurse and has experience in a range of professional roles including recruitment and selection. She is a good listener and communicator with good organisational skills and a desire to work collaboratively. She is a local preacher and church steward and has been a circuit steward.

Simon Edwards is a presbyter, currently serving in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit. In his previous roles as a youth worker and a family worker and now as a presbyter, he has found it fulfilling to encourage people in exploring their call and vocation. He has a PhD in practical theology with an emphasis on Methodist ecclesiology and Fresh Expressions. He is a Deputy Chair of District and brings listening skills, administrative efficiency and an instinct for collaboration.

Richard Goldstraw is a deacon, currently serving in the London District. He brings a breadth of experience from district candidates' and probationers' committee and previous service on the Connexional Candidates Committee at various times. He has also supervised student ministers on placements. He is a good listener and has skills of discernment having journeyed alongside many people discerning their call.

Helen Hickson is a presbyter, currently serving in the Hull Centre and West Circuit. She brings experience of teaching RE, pioneer ministry, hospital chaplaincy and community outreach. She also has training in deep listening in counselling, and an ability to ask the right questions. She will engage in robust conversation to find the right way forward, and collaborates well.

Julie Morton is a deacon, currently serving in the Nottingham (North East) Circuit. She brings previous experience as a HR officer in the Health Service which included interviewing people from a variety of disciplines. She has an ability to listen well and to establish relationships quickly and easily. She is keen to enable others to have a supportive experience of the candidates' committee.

Chris Sandy is a presbyter, currently serving in the North Bedfordshire Circuit. He brings experience of both the District Candidates' and Probationers' committees as well as experience as a mentor and supervisor for candidates. He has good interpersonal skills with an eye for detail. He is researching in the area of cross-cultural leadership in the Methodist Church in Britain. He has professional experience of working with people from many nationalities and cultures in his previous roles as a driver trainer and manager as well as now as a cross-cultural circuit minister.

Vivienne Smith is a presbyter, currently without appointment. She brings wide experience including as a lay worker and as a superintendent. She has previously coordinated the 'under 5's group' in the district. Her experience of working with many different colleagues has confirmed for her that God calls many very different people. She enjoys team work and knows the importance of prayer particularly in discernment.

Denise Tomlinson is a lay member of Teddington Methodist Church in the London District, Denise brings a commitment to supporting the journey to ordained ministry. She has been a member of CSC in the past and a member of her District Candidates' Committee, as well as Synod Secretary. She is currently a member of the District Probationers' Committee and MCPOC. She is a worship leader. She is able to see a 'big picture' and identify underlying issues, sensing what is not said as well as what is.

Eva Walker is a presbyter, currently serving in the North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuit. She has served on the District Candidates' Committee and has shown good discernment in testing a call. She has an MA in consultancy, ministry and mission and previously trained students in mission at Cliff College. In the District Leadership Team she has demonstrated a good ability to work collaboratively. She brings a wide and personal understanding of cultural diversity.

Helen Webster is a deacon, currently serving in the Brownhills and Willenhall Circuit. She brings experience from serving on District Candidates' Committees in two districts as well as membership of the Religious Order Advisory Committee for 6 years. She has skills of good listening and is a reflective and creative thinker. Her focus on the call to be part of the religious order will be helpful.

Jackie Wright is a deacon, currently serving in the Sheffield Circuit. She believes that candidating is a God-given call to a whole life change. She has experience on her District Probationers' Committee and brings wide and varied experiences of people and situations. She feels that ordained ministers need to be able to understand and appreciate the 'wider picture'.

2. Oversight Tutors

***RESOLUTION

57/2. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 321(5)(b), nominates to the Conference the following persons as Oversight Tutors:

Where more than one oversight tutor is appointed for the same institution one shall be identified as having oversight responsibility. In the following list, that person is identified by an asterisk.

Queen's Foundation, Birmingham: * The Revd Dr Jane Craske, Deacon Melanie Beaven, the Revd Dr Christine Dutton, the Revd Dr Catrin Harland-Davies, the Revd Dr Gary P Hall, Deacon Julie Hudson, the Revd Dr Paul Nzacahayo, the Revd Dr Judith Rossall

3. Stationing Committee

***RESOLUTION

57/3. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 322, nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Stationing Committee:

(i) Lay Chair: Ms Jenny Jackson

(ii) The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Conference: The Revds Dr Jonathan R Hustler and Michaela A Youngson

(iii) Seven district Chairs and seven district Lay Stationing Representatives:

South-East	<u>The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean</u> Mr Keith Norman
South-West	<i>to be confirmed</i> <u>Mr Chris Beckett</u>
Wales/Midlands	The Revd Rachel Parkinson Mrs Val Mayers
Yorkshire	The Revd Leslie Newton <u>Ms Claire Corp</u>
East Midlands	<u>The Revd Angela J Long</u> Mrs Sue P Walters
North-West	<u>The Revd Dr James N Tebbutt</u> Mr Malcolm Aspey
North/Scotland	The Revd S Mark Slaney <u>Sue Marshall-Jennings</u>

(iv) No more than two Team members with responsibility for presbyteral and diaconal selection; and for the stationing of probationers: The Revd Dr Claire Potter

(v) *deleted*

(vi) *deleted*

(vii) The chair of the Stationing Advisory Committee: The Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle

(viii) The Warden or deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order: Deacon Karen McBride

(ix) The chair and a lay member of the Diaconal Stationing Sub-committee: The Revd Dr David Hinchliffe; Mr Steve Cooper

(x) The chair of the group responsible on behalf of the Stationing Committee for overseeing the matching of particular presbyters to appointments: The Revd Jennifer A Impey

(xi) The convener of the Stationing Action Group: *to be confirmed*

Jonathan Dean is nominated to the Conference as Chair of the London District.

Angela Long is the Chair of the Lincolnshire District.

James Tebbutt is nominated to the Conference as Chair of the North West England District.

Sue Marshall-Jennings is Lay Stationing Representative for the Scotland District.

Claire Corp is Lay Stationing Representative for the Yorkshire West District.

Chris Beckett is Lay Stationing Representative for the Bristol District.

4. Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

***RESOLUTION

57/4. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 213A, nominates to the Conference the following persons as members of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

Mrs Sarah Atwell-King, Mr Adrian Burton, Mr Keith Hickey, Mrs Susan M Mortimer, Mr Michael Rickard

Keith Hickey is a member of Orpington Methodist Church in the London District. He is an accountant who worked for many years at British Gas. He has considerable experience of charity finance and charity governance including experience as the Finance Director of two major charities and Chief Executive of the Charity Finance Group. He was also a member of numerous influential committees in the charity sector. For ten years he was an independent member of the Audit Committee at The Media Trust and is currently a Trustee and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee for MHA.

5. Ecumenical Bodies

***RESOLUTION

57/5. Pursuant to SO 212(7), the Methodist Council nominates to the Conference the following representatives.

(a) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI): Annual General Meeting*

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam

(b) *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Senior Representatives' Forum:*

Mr Bala Gnanapragasam; the Revd Steven R M Cooper

(c) *Churches Together in England (CTE): Enabling Group*

To be confirmed, the Revd Steven R M Cooper

(d) *Scottish Christian Forum (formerly Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS)):*

Members' Meeting:

The Revd S Mark Slaney; the Revd A James Patron Bell

(e) *Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales): Enabling Group*
The Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd
Proxies: The Revds Dr Ian D Morris, Phillip A Poynor

Steven Cooper has been appointed to serve as the Connexional Ecumenical Officer, with effect from 29 April 2024.

Appointments for the 2024 Conference

6. Precentor

***RESOLUTIONS

57/6A. Pursuant to SO 116B, the Council appoints the Revd Nathan Falla as Precentor for the Presbyteral Session of the 2024 Conference.

57/6B. Pursuant to SO 116B, the Council appoints Mr Matt Beckingham as Precentor for the Representative Session of the 2024 Conference.

7. Letter-Writer

***RESOLUTION

57/7. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 116B, appoints the Revd Alan J Bolton to be the letter-writer for the Presbyteral and Representative Sessions of the 2024 Conference.

8. Conference Membership

***RESOLUTION

57/8. The Methodist Council, acting under Deed of Union Clause 14(4)(d) and Standing Order 107(3), appoints the following two associate members of the Conference as (full, voting) members of the 2024 Conference:

The Revd Semisi Turagavou (Methodist Church in Fiji)

Dr Hubert Morquette (Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas)

9. Memorials Committee

***RESOLUTION

57/9. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 138(1), appoints the Memorials Committee for the 2024 Conference as follows:

- (i) a former President or Vice-President appointed for three years who shall chair the committee; **The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft**
- (ii) **the Secretary of the Conference and the Assistant Secretary of the Conference;**
- (iii) **the Connexional Secretary;**
- (iv) **the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice;**
- (v) **the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee;**
- (vi) a member of the Ministries Committee; **Deacon Andrew Packer**
- (viA) a member of the Mission Committee; **Mr Paul Spray**
- (vii) a member of the Strategy and Resources Committee; ***to be confirmed***
- (viii) one district Chair, **the Revd Dawn Saunders**
two presbyters, **the Revds Ann Fox** and ***to be confirmed***
one deacon, **Deacon Helen Snowball**
one synod secretary ***to be confirmed***
and two lay persons, ***to be confirmed*** and **Mr Steve Rogers** each nominated by a district Policy Committee from a different stationing region, according to a rota.

Those appointed under paragraphs (vi), (vii) and (viii) are appointed for a period of three years.

The President and Vice-President designate and the Chair of the Business Committee shall be in attendance but without a vote.

Deacon Andrew Packer is nominated to the Memorials Committee as a representative of the Ministries Committee.

Mr Paul Spray is a member of the Mission Committee and the Global Relationships Committee. He is chair of the new World Mission Fund Grants Committee comprised of Methodist leaders from around the world. Paul is also a local preacher, who has worked at a senior level for Christian Aid, the Catholic

Institute for International Relations and the government Department for International Development. Paul has also been awarded a papal knighthood.

The Revd Dawn Saunders is the Chair of the Channel Islands District. Dawn has held various roles in relation to candidates and grants. She has a particular concern for the wellbeing of those in accredited ministry and is currently studying for a professional doctorate in that area. Prior to candidating, Dawn worked in finance and then as a lay prison chaplain.

The Revd Ann Fox is a presbyter in the Yorkshire North & East District, in which she serves as the Superintendent Minister of the Tadcaster Circuit. Ann is the Presbyteral Synod Secretary, and a member of the District Probationers Committee, District Leadership Team, and a representative to Methodist Conference (final year) and the Methodist Council (appointed in 2023). Ann has an interest in governance and matters that affect the churches in their local context and particularly how they affect ministers and their oversight and pastoral ministry

Deacon Helen Snowball is a deacon in her 5th year of ministry serving the Nottingham (North East) Circuit. Helen is a prayerful pastor and missionary with a heart for those beyond the boundaries of the Church and a particular skill in engaging with issues of wellbeing. Helen has a good understanding a grasp of mission and ministry through the Methodist Church.

Mr Steve Rogers is the District Policy Secretary and a member of the District Formation in Ministry Panel for the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District. Steve is also a District representative to Methodist Conference, 2024. Steve is an active local preacher in the South Bedfordshire Circuit with experience of being a church and circuit steward.

10. Conference Financial Committee

***RESOLUTION

57/10. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 136A, appoints the Financial Committee for the 2024 Conference as follows:

Mrs Anne Bolton, Mr Doug Godfrey-Swanney, Ms Val Mayers, Ms Sandie Smith, the Revd Rebekah Stennett

Val Mayers and Rebekah Stennett are members both of the Council and the Conference.

11. Chief Scrutineer

***RESOLUTION

57/11A. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 139, appoints the Revd R Margaret K Mwalu as Chief Scrutineer for the Presbyteral Session of the 2024 Conference.

57/11B. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 139, appoints Anna Malnutt as Chief Scrutineer for the Representative Session of the 2024 Conference.

Appointments for the 2025 Conference

12. Ecumenical Associate Members

***RESOLUTION

57/12. The Council recommends to the Conference that the following churches and Christian bodies be invited to appoint associate members of the 2025 Conference (SO 107(1)(i)):

The Church of England
The United Reformed Church
The Lutheran Church of Great Britain
The Society of Friends (Quakers)

13. Diaconal Representation

***RESOLUTION

57/13. The Methodist Council, acting under Standing Order 105(1A), approves the following rota for diaconal representation at the Conference of 2025:

North West England (three places), Wales Synod Cymru, Birmingham, South West Peninsula, Newcastle upon Tyne, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire, London, South East

Council appointments

14. Irish Conference

***RESOLUTION

57/14. The Council appoints Mr Tom Hart and the Revd Leslie Newton to accompany the President and the Vice-President to the Irish Conference.

15. British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission

*****RESOLUTION**

57/15. The Council appoints the Revd Ruth Gee as co-Chair of the British Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission.

Ruth Gee is a former President of the Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer, as well as having served the Darlington District as Chair. She is a thoughtful and committed ecumenical theologian, who brings a passion for unity to the role of Co-Chair of BMRCDC. Ruth has a gift for building relationships of depth and trust with and between people.

16. Law and Polity Committee

*****RESOLUTION**

57/16. The Council appoints the Law and Polity Committee for 2024/25 as follows:

Mrs Joanne Anderton (Convenor/Secretary), Mr Simon Birks, The Revd James A Booth, the Revd Andrew Charlesworth, the Revd James A Cruddas, the Revd Jennifer M Dyer, Mrs Susan Eldridge, Mr David Gibson, the Revd Helen R Hollands, the Revd Kenneth Howcroft, Mrs Susan R Howdle, the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, the Revd Thomas J Osborne, Miss Elizabeth Ovey, Mr Richard Price, the Revd Keith A Reed, Professor Diane Rowland, the Revd Ian S Rutherford, the Revd Dr James N Tebbutt, the Revd E Adam Wells

17. Safeguarding Committee

*****RESOLUTION**

57/17. The Council appoints the Safeguarding Committee for 2024/2025 as follows:

Judith Davey Cole (Chair), the Revd John Hellyer (Deputy Chair), the Revd Nick Oborski, Mrs Jane Stacey, Deacon Lorraine Brown, Ms Sarah Crouchley, Mrs Carolyn Godfrey, Mrs Barbara Hutchinson, Pauline Jackson, Mr David Jones, the Revd Susan McIvor, Ms Constantia Pennie, Tina Pokuaah, Sarah Simpkin, Mr Grahame Snelling, the Revd Kate Strange, Mrs Gina (Georgina) Tagoe, Crystal Williams-Rondero

Coopted: Ms Vivien Almond (MSAG), Kelly Alleyne (Action for Children), Donna Eldridge (MHA)

Pauline Jackson is a church steward, Junior Church Lead and a member of the property and Finance Committee for Trinity Methodist Church Watford. She is the District Safeguarding Officer for the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire district, a member of the Methodist Safeguarding Training Working Group and a lay representative for the Methodist Conference (2022 -2024). Her previous professional life was spent in the financial sector.

Susan McIvor is a presbyter, currently serving as District Safeguarding Officer, and moving back in to circuit ministry from September 2024. Susan pioneered the DSO and District Safeguarding Group (DSG) roles in the first and second Districts in which she served as presbyter and contributed to significant safeguarding reports in the church, namely Tracing Rainbows (2006) and the Review of Covenants of Care (2016), as well as being part of a President's Inquiry team into a serious safeguarding issue (2010). She helped write the training materials for Monitoring and Support Group members and since 2016 has helped to train ministers from other Conferences and Churches (MOCCS).

Tina Pokuaah is a professional safeguarding consultant and trainer with more than ten years of strategic leadership experience relating to gender-based violence, women's rights, and girls' education, in the UK, West Africa, and the Middle East. She is very keen to offer some of this learning and understanding within a church context.

Sarah Simpkin is a pastoral lead at Wesley Place Methodist Church in Alsager, a member of the Methodist Survivor Advisory Group and is vice chair of the Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum. Sarah brings extensive lived experience of abuse and a commitment to helping the church become a safer place for everyone.

Kate Strange is a presbyter, serving as superintendent of the High Wycombe Circuit. She has delivered Foundation Training and been an Advanced trainer since its inception. She was the Independent Chair of the North Wales Safeguarding Executive. In Nottingham and Derby she was, as part of her role as Deputy Chair of District, a member of the Safeguarding Executive, overseeing all the referrals and contracts for the District. She was Head of Spiritual and Pastoral Care for a Large Mental

Health NHS Trust. She currently leads on the Deliverance Ministry for the Church, which is deeply rooted in Safeguarding.

Crystal Williams-Rondero is an independent qualified social worker with over 15 years' experience working with children and families. She is registered with Social Work England and worked across various different teams from Early Help Services, Child Protection, Fostering and Adoption Services. She has also worked as a Child Guardian and in more strategic Head of Service roles. She is passionate about ensuring that children grow up in safe environments and would like to offer her experience and expertise within the Methodist Church.